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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF PNP RESUMED ANNUAL CONFERENCE: INTERIM REPORT

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1. THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) MET ON MARCH 4-5 FOR ITS "RESUMED" ANNUAL CONFERENCE. THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER, WAS POSTPONED WHEN ELECTION OF THE PARTY'S FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS WAS DISRUPTED.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE "RESUMED" CONFERENCE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

-- POSTPONED THE ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS
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FURTHER. THE INCUMBENT VICE-PRESIDENTS -- FOREIGN MINISTER P. J. PATTERSON, HOUSING MINISTER TONY SPAULDING, PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTER HOWARD COOKE AND LABOR MINISTER WILLIAM ISAACS -- WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE PNP MEETS FOR ITS 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1978.

-- CONFIRMED THE PARTY'S DECISION TO SUSPEND FROM OFFICE

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PNP YOUTH ORGANIZATION, PAUL BURKE (SEE KINGSTON 2285). THE APPEAL WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AN UNANTICIPATED ADDITION TO THE CONFERENCE'S AGENDA AND APPEARS TO HAVE PROVOKED CHARACTERISTICALLY HEATED DEBATE. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, 411 DELEGATES VOTED TO CONFIRM THE SUSPENSION WHILE 154 SUPPORTED ITS WITHDRAWAL.

-- ISSUED A "MANDATE" TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL "TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO MAINTAIN UNITY AND DISCIPLINE" WITHIN THE PARTY.

-- REITERATED THE PNP'S COMMITMENT TO:

I) DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM;

II) "THE CONCEPT OF PLURAL DEMOCRACY" THROUGH WORKER PARTICIPATION, COMMUNITY COUNCILS, AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF EDUCATION";

III) "CREATION OF A CLASSLESS AND EGALITARIAN SOCIETY THROUGH AN ALLIANCE INVOLVING DEMOCRATIC AND PATRIOTIC ELEMENTS OF ALL CLASSES";

IV) A MIXED ECONOMY AND "EFFECTIVE SOCIAL CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY", AND

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V) NON-ALIGNMENT, OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM, SUPPORT FOR "NATIONAL LIBERATION FORCES", AND THE QUEST FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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